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CRESTVIEW NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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EVENTS CALENDAR

Sunday, May 1: Spirit in the Trees Exhibit, 3:00–5:00 PM at 5600 Jain Ln. For more information, see www.mystatesman.com/news/entertainment/arts-theater/east-austin-artists-give-new-life-to-trees/nq5mt

Saturday, May 7: Violet Crown Spring Festival, 10:00 AM–5:00 PM at Brentwood Elementary School. Free admission. See the article for more information.

Saturday, May 7: Citywide election on safety requirements and background checks for Transportation Network Companies (TNC).

Monday, May 9: Crestview Neighborhood Association Meeting, Officer elections. 7:00 PM at Crestview United Methodist Church, 1300 Morrow St. See article for more information.

Saturday and Sunday, May 14–15 and 21–22: West Austin Studio Tour. See www.west.bigmedium.org for more information.

Tuesday, May 31: Last day to file a property tax protest with TCAD.

Art, Music, More at the Violet Crown Festival

By Nancy Mohn Barnard, CNA Secretary

It's time for our neighborhood's favorite festival! The spring Violet Crown Festival will be held Saturday, May 7th from 10:00 AM–5:00 PM. Join your friends and neighbors for a lively day full of stellar local art, music, and food—plus kids' activities! The festival will be located in the west parking lot of Brentwood Elementary School, which is accessible from Yates. Plan on walking or biking, because parking will be limited.

The Violet Crown Festival is a shopper's paradise for anyone who loves beautiful, locally made goods. Fifty local artists and craft-makers will be showcasing their unique wares. Don't miss this opportunity to buy something special for yourself or for a loved one. (Hint: Mother's Day is the very next day.)

We have some great entertainment planned for this year's festival. On the music stage we have an impressive line-up that includes Feet First, Jungle Jill and the Jaybirds (great for kids!), Fingers and Lips, the Ron Titter Band, Punch Card, and Don Leady and his Rockin' Review. Check www.violetcrowncommunity.org for specific times. In addition, there will be jugglers and the infamous tree man. Children will have the opportunity to enjoy over 20 kids' activities including spin art, Legos with Snapology, face painting, mother's day crafts, and many more.

This year's festival will also provide a unique opportunity to support local schools. The silent auction and raffle will benefit the McCallum Band who is fundraising for a trip to Carnegie Hall. Make sure to stop by the Silent Auction tent and enjoy some good-natured bidding on items that will help make the band's trip a reality.

As usual, this festival would not be possible without the generous support of our gold sponsors. Please show some love to Snapology, DPS Credit Union, Grande Communications, Burnet Road Storage, Juice Homes, and Dave's Ultimate Automotive. If you have any questions or comments, contact Nancy Mohn Barnard at okra@austin.rr.com or 512-914-2917. We'll see you at the festival!

CNA Officer Elections

Elections for officers of the Crestview Neighborhood Association will be held at the CNA meeting on Monday, May 9 at 7:00 PM, at the Crestview United Methodist Church at 1300 Morrow St.

Executive Council positions up for election include Vice-President, Secretary, and Newsletter Editor who will serve a two-year term. Four additional Executive Council positions, Place 1 through Place 4, will be up for election for a one-year term. The current positions of President and Treasurer have a year remaining in their two-year terms.

To be eligible for office, one must be a paid CNA member. To be eligible to vote for CNA officers, one must be a paid member at least seven days prior to the election on May 9, meaning that dues must be paid by May 2, 2016.

Citywide TNC Election on May 7

Some people have expressed confusion regarding Proposition 1 on the ballot for May 7 regarding ride-hailing services.

Just to clarify, a *Yes* vote indicates that you do not want Uber and Lyft to be required to do fingerprint checks. A *No* vote indicates that you do want Uber and Lyft to do fingerprint background checks that will be done by the city and run through the FBI database.

Although the fingerprint issue is the primary distinction between the two sides, there are other issues.

If you want to delve a bit further, check out the side-by-side comparison of the differences at www.kut.org/post/explaining-exactly-what-yes-and-no-vote-prop-1-means

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Austin PD Crime Search Report for March 2016

Crime	Street	Date	Time
Assault by threat	72XX Lamar Blvd	3/22/2016	13:31
Auto theft	8XX St Johns Ave	3/11/2016	09:16
Burglary non residence sheds	8XX St Johns Ave	3/25/2016	17:30
Burglary non residence	9XX Anderson Ln	3/3/2016	01:07
Burglary of residence	1XXX Morrow St	3/9/2016	21:12
Burglary of vehicle	72XX Easy Wind Dr	3/7/2016	15:42
Burglary of vehicle	72XX Easy Wind Dr	3/7/2016	20:31
Burglary of vehicle	72XX Easy Wind Dr	3/9/2016	10:08
Burglary of vehicle	76XX Tisdale Dr	3/14/2016	08:13
Burglary of vehicle	76XX Tisdale Dr	3/14/2016	09:07
Burglary of vehicle	15XX Dartmouth Ave	3/14/2016	10:26
Burglary of vehicle	76XX Tisdale Dr	3/14/2016	10:31
Burglary of vehicle	76XX Tisdale Dr	3/14/2016	11:35
Burglary of vehicle	76XX Gault St	3/14/2016	12:31
Burglary of vehicle	15XX Dartmouth Ave	3/14/2016	12:52
Burglary of vehicle	21XX Anderson Ln	3/20/2016	03:09
Burglary of vehicle	8XX St Johns Ave	3/24/2016	11:06
Crash/fail stop and render aid	77XX Burnet Rd	3/3/2016	12:41
Crash/leaving the scene	76XX Gault St	3/4/2016	11:38
Crash/leaving the scene	73XX Burnet Rd	3/7/2016	11:11
Crash/leaving the scene	2XXX Justin Ln	3/8/2016	16:19
Crash/leaving the scene	1XXX Morrow St	3/18/2016	14:02
Criminal mischief	73XX Grover Ave	3/28/2016	16:32
DWI	7XXX Easy Wind Dr	3/5/2016	23:57
DWI	72XX Easy Wind Dr	3/10/2016	01:37
Gambling	71XX Burnet Rd	3/15/2016	14:29
Graffiti	2XXX Anderson Ln	3/3/2016	10:03
Graffiti	75XX Burnet Rd	3/11/2016	10:43
Public intoxication	18XX Justin Ln	3/8/2016	06:18
Structure fire	9XX Sugaree Ave	3/17/2016	13:49
Theft	15XX Morrow St	3/5/2016	07:47
Theft	8XX St Johns Ave	3/16/2016	14:47
Theft by shoplifting	71XX Woodrow Ave	3/2/2016	11:52
Theft from auto	8XX St Johns Ave	3/24/2016	11:18
Theft of bicycle	22XX Anderson Ln	3/2/2016	15:25

Crime Tip

While we would like to trust everyone on our social media sites, be careful what information you give out. Providing information to a broad group about your work hours, when you will be out of town, who lives in your home, whether you have a security system or not, or other personal information can make you a target for burglaries or other crimes by unscrupulous individuals who may be able to use the information to target you. Before you post, think about whether your words could make you a victim if the information fell into the wrong hands.

Announcements

Former Crestview resident Carlene Wilson passed away March 26, 2016.

She and her husband Robert were long-time residents of Crestview and valued members of the Crestview Neighborhood Association. Our condolences to her family and friends.

Justin Lane Street Reconstruction and Utility Adjustments

By Chip Harris

In the summer of 2016, the City of Austin Public Works Department, in conjunction with the Austin Water Utility, will begin the Justin Lane Street Reconstruction and Utility Adjustments project. Burnet Rd. to Reese Ln. will undergo street reconstruction; waterline improvements will be made from Burnet Rd. to Lamar Blvd.

Justin Lane was identified by the City's Street and Bridge division as one of the streets in need of reconstruction as part of the 2006 Bond Program. The identified portion has had 25 waterline breaks in the recent past, qualifying it as a prime candidate for replacement.

Construction Time Frame

July 2016 to May 2017 (Dates are projected as accurately as possible, but are subject to change.)

Project Summary

- Elimination of all resident parking on the north side of Justin Ln. (Residents, their guests, service providers, and delivery vehicles will be limited to the south side of Justin.)
- Installation of a two-way protected bicycle lane on Justin Ln. between Burnet Rd. and N. Lamar Blvd. on the north side of Justin Ln.
- Improve sidewalk connectivity and pedestrian safety through removal and construction of sidewalk to meet ADA requirements and infill existing gaps
- Installation of a rain garden at Reese Ln.
- Reconstruction of existing roadway from Burnet Rd. to Reese Ln.
- Removal and construction of existing curb and gutter
- Construction of storm sewer inlets and piping
- Installation of wastewater manholes
- Installation of approximately 7,480 linear feet of various-sized water main and appurtenances
- Vertical adjustments of water meters, water valves, cleanouts

While street improvements are always welcome and safety for cyclists is a concern for everyone, there are concerns that the city's plan to eliminate street parking for all of the residents on the north side will result in unnecessary, unanticipated, and unintended safety issues for those residents. Because of traffic volume on Justin, pedestrians already face a challenge crossing the street. An ordinance revision approved by the City Council last fall eliminating parking for certain residential structures will exacerbate resident parking problems and increase demand for street parking. There may be alternate options that more fully provide for everyone's safety, both cyclists and residents.

Property Tax Protest Information From the Comptroller's Office

If you are protesting the appraisal of your home or small business, you can view videos on the topic on the Comptroller's website at www.comptroller.texas.gov/taxinfo/proptax

What Steps to Take to Prepare for a Protest

Observing the following tips can also help in achieving a successful appeal:

- Be on time and prepared for your hearing. The Appraisal Review Board (ARB) may place time limits on hearings.
- Stick to the facts and avoid emotional pleas. The ARB has no control over the appraisal district's operations or budget, tax rates for local taxing units, inflation or local politics; addressing these topics in your presentation wastes time and will not help your case.
- Review the ARB hearing procedures. After you receive the ARB hearing procedures, take time to become thoroughly familiar with them and be prepared to follow them.
- Present your information in a simple and well-organized manner. You and the appraisal district staff are required to exchange evidence at or before the hearing. Photographs and other documents are useful. You should take an appropriate number of copies.

Brentwood Elementary Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten registration for the 2016-2017 school year has started. Children who will be five years old on or before September 1, 2016 are eligible to be enrolled in AISD.

For more information about eligibility and what you will need to register, see www.brentwoodpta.com/kinder411.

Crestview Neighborhood Graduating Seniors of 2016

By Roland Rodriguez, CNA Executive Committee Member, Place 4

If you would like to have your 2016 graduating senior recognized in the June edition of the Crestview Neighborhood Association newsletter, please contact Roland Rodriguez at r_rod224@yahoo.com or 512-739-6911.

Crestview seniors reside within the following boundaries: Anderson Ln., Lamar Blvd., Justin Ln., and Burnet Rd. Please provide the following information by May 9, 2016:

- Student's name
- High school graduating from
- Post high school plans: Work? College? Where? Major? (Optional)

Spanish Preschool in Our Neighborhood

Colores Spanish Immersion Preschool is in our neighborhood and is enrolling children 2–5 years old for next school year. Colores is a small nurturing learning community open on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays 9:00 AM–1:00 PM.

At Colores children are immersed in Spanish language and culture the whole time they are at school. Children absorb Spanish through interactions, activities, stories, poems, music, art, craft, holidays, community and free play. The founder and teacher of Colores Preschool is a longtime Crestview resident and a Brentwood mom. For more information, contact Colores at colores.preschool@gmail.com or 512-740-7645, or go to www.colorespreschool.blogspot.com.

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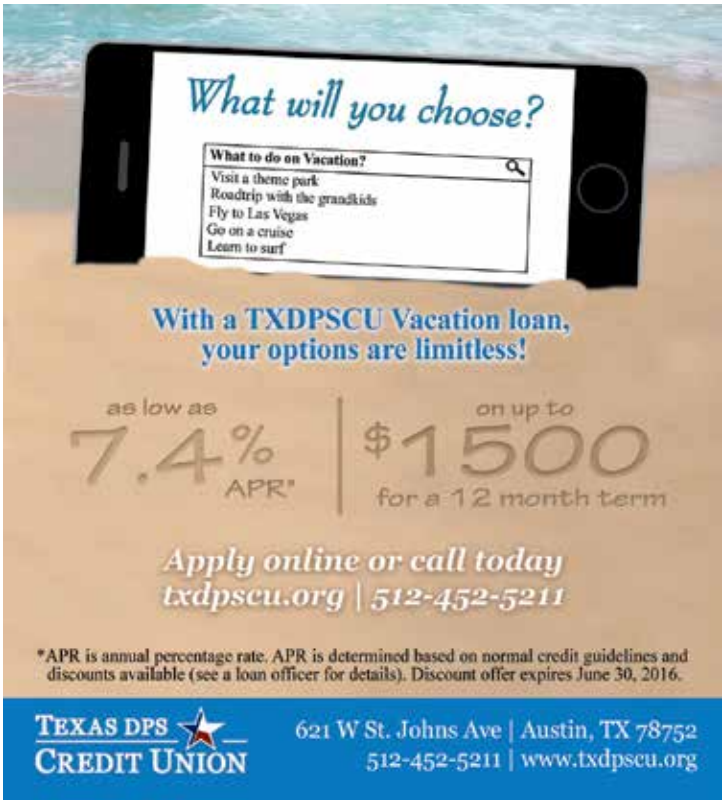

Crestview Neighborhood Plan Contact Team April 19 Meeting Recap

By Chip Harris

The Crestview Neighborhood Plan Contact Team (CNPCT) met on Tuesday, April 19 and elected officers for the positions of Vice-Facilitator and Secretary, whose two-year terms run until April of 2018. The third officer, Larry Ouellette, was elected Facilitator in April of 2015 and his two-year term runs through April of 2017. Chip Harris was elected Vice-Facilitator and Mike Lavigne was elected Secretary. Mike Lavigne has a long record of community involvement and the Contact Team will benefit from his knowledge and experience.

In addition to annual elections, Neighborhood Plan priorities were considered. The City of Austin requests that every Contact Team review and possibly re-prioritize their goals for the neighborhood every three years and provide the city with their top five Capital Improvement Project (CIP) items and their top five non-CIP items.

The following list of priorities was approved by the Contact Team:

CIP Items

1. Construct priority sidewalks in Crestview along Grover Avenue between Morrow Street and Justin Lane (either side). Plan item T1.1—page 44.
2. Construct sidewalks along additional street segments in Crestview including Hardy Drive, Mullen Drive, Yates Avenue, Watson Street and Pasadena Drive. Plan item T1.3—page 45.
3. Increase appropriate street lighting. Plan item QL3.2—page 60.
4. Consider finding an appropriate location to develop a public park in the Crestview Neighborhood. Plan item QL1.4—page 60.
5. Plant more trees throughout the neighborhood. Plan item QL2.1—page 60.

Non-CIP Items

1. Maintain the current turning restrictions at the intersection of Lamar Boulevard and Morrow Street. Plan item T4.1—page 53.
2. Encourage the use of major corridors by all traffic generated outside the neighborhood, and discourage that traffic from using interior streets. Plan item T3—page 43.
3. Any new development or redevelopment should respect and complement the single-family character of the neighborhood. Plan item LU3—page 24.
4. Existing single-family residential areas should retain SF-3 zoning. Plan item LU1.1—page 25.
5. Land use and zoning should comply with existing deed restrictions. Plan item LU1.6—page 25.

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